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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT: SNIE 55-2-52: CONSEQUENCES OF CERTAIN US
COURSES IN LAOS**

1. This estimate was prepared in response to DIA's request that an O/NE memorandum to the Director on this subject be coordinated as a SNIE.

2. The representative of the Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, has reserved his position on the statement in paragraph 6 of the estimate that "the withdrawal of US financial and military aid would probably not persuade Phoumi and Boun Oum to participate in a Sereykeua coalition government." State considers that the chances are about even that Phoumi and Boun Oum would join the coalition under these circumstances.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

**SHERMAN KENT
CHAIRMAN**

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